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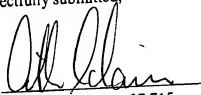
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REMARKS

In response to an election requirement in the above-referenced application, Applicants elect Group I -- Claims 1-19 for prosecution on the merits. Applicants hereby request the cancellation, without prejudice, of Claim 20 (Group II), the nonelected group. Accordingly, the claims have been amended to reflect the elected group.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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